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SUBJECT: LA PASSIONARIA RETURN TO SPAIN

1. THE PRESS REPORTS THAT THE SPANISH EMBASSY IN MOSCOW
HAS GIVEN DOLORES IBARRURI (LA PASSIONARIA) THE ALLEGED
PRESIDENT OF THE SPANISH COMMUNIST PARTY HERE A PASSPORT
ENDING THE QUEST FOR A SPANISH TRAVEL DOCUMENT THAT BEGAN
SOME TIME BACK. THE REPORTS GO ON TO SAY THAT ACCORDING
TO PCE SOURCES SHE IS EXPECTED BACK IN SPAIN SOME TIME
NEXT WEEK. A SENIOR AIDE OF PRIMIN SUAREZ TOLD EMBOFF A
FEW DAYS AGO THAT THEY MIGHT EXTEND HER PASSPORT SHORTLY
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BECAUSE THE PROBLEMS OF THE LEGALIZATION OF THE COMMUNIST
PARTY HAD SIMMERED DOWN. HE SAID PCE SECGEN SANTIAGO
CARRILLO WAS PUSHING FOR HER RETURN BECAUSE HE WAS
UNDER CONSIDERABLE PRESSURE FROM PARTY ACTIVISTS
TO GET HER BACK. EVEN THOUGH CARRILLO PROBABLY REALIZED
SHE WILL MIGHT BE A ELECTORAL LIABILITY.

2. ASIDE FROM HER BEING IN HER 80'S LA PASSIONARIA IS FAR TO OLD TO BECOME AN ACTIVE CAMPAIGNER BUT HER RETURN WILL PRESUMABLY PROVOCATE SOME KIND OF EMOTIONAL WELCOME FROM COMMUNIST ACTIVISTS. AT THE SAME TIME, HAVING IN MIND THE REACTION TO THE LEGALIZATION OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY, ONE CAN BE SURE THAT THE FAR RIGHT IN SPAIN AND POSSIBLY THE ALIANZA POPULAR, WILL CHARGE THAT THE GOVERNMENT IS TOWING TO THE COMMUNISTS. IN POINT OF FACT, WE SUSPECT THAT CARRILLO WILL DO HIS BEST TO KEEP OUT OF THE WAY OF PRESS QUESTIONING BECAUSE SHE IS KNOWN FOR HER STALINIST VIEWS AND FOR THINKING THAT EUROCOMMUNISM IS A FARCE. STABLER

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